

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or in ~~[[double brackets]]~~ if the deletion would be difficult to see.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers~~[[,]]~~ which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, **the stacking column** comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located ~~adjacent to~~ **above one another or next to one another** and cooperate with one another, wherein **a supporting element rotates with each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers and lies on or against an underlying ratchet lever in the working position, wherein, for each ratchet lever and support lever of the plurality of ratchet levers and support levers, the support lever is either integral with the ratchet lever at the rotational axis or the support lever is independently secured to the rotational axis as a separate part from the ratchet lever,** ~~a sheet metal blank, from which the supporting element is folded, or the supporting element also rests on the rotational axis as a separate part.~~

18. (Previously presented) The stacking column of claim 17, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

19. (Currently amended) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein comprising each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers includes at least one integral control arm, the at least one integral control arm on an opposing end relative to the support arm, that is also folded from the sheet-metal blank.

20. (Currently amended) The stacking column according to claim 19, wherein comprising an upwardly projecting a sheet metal lateral check that is folded up projects upwardly from the control arm in the working position, the sheet metal lateral check abutting the rotational axis of ~~the next~~ an overlying ratchet lever in the working position.

21. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according claim 17, wherein the supporting element forms a foot, to which a lateral bolt of the preceding ratchet lever is allocated.

22. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein the supporting element is positively joined with the ratchet lever.

23. (Currently amended) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of ratchet levers has a guide tongue which extends toward an overlying ratchet lever, the guide tongue abutting a face of ~~for sliding on~~ the supporting element of the overlying ratchet lever in the working position.

24. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially upwardly directed.

25. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially curved.

26. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising a latching device allocated to the uppermost ratchet lever, the latching device having a slider with at least one bolt or the like passing through at least one parallel, curved elongated hole, wherein a bolt presses on the uppermost ratchet lever in the latching position.

27. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 26, wherein the slider can be fixed in place by means of a tie bolt in or outside the latching position.

28. (Currently amended) The stacking column according to claim 20, comprising a spacer ring with a selectable outer diameter ~~that is placed in the area of the lateral cheek of the rotational axis,~~ **wherein the spacer ring contacts the lateral cheek of the underlying ratchet lever in the working position and the spacer ring contacts the support arm of the underlying ratchet in the resting position.**

29. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising at least some ratchet levers that each has allocated to it a spring that moves the respective ratchet lever into the resting position.

30. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 29, wherein the springs are arranged on a spring rack.

31-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently amended) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers[[,]] which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, the stacking column comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers comprises a support arm, a control arm, and a supporting element, wherein ~~the ratchet lever~~ the support arm, the control arm, and the supporting element comprise a folded sheet metal blank ~~from which the supporting element is folded,~~ or the supporting element rests on is secured to the rotational axis as a separate part.

37. (New) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on support arms of ratchet levers which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, the stacking column comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers comprises a control arm, wherein a portion of the control arm abuts the rotational axis of an overlying ratchet lever in the working position.